

Application No.: 10/734,953
Response to Office Action of April 04, 2006
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REMARKS

This is in Request for an amendment to place the claims in better condition for appeal and is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2006 in which Claims 7-9 and 24 were objected to, Claims 1-6, 15, 17-20, 22, 25-33 and 51-64 and 67-68 were rejected and Claims 10-14, 21, 23, 34-50, 65 and 66 were identified as withdrawn.

Restriction

Method Claims 37-50 stand withdrawn.

A species restriction was also imposed and the applicant elected Group 1, Figures 1-17 and 25. Claims 1-9, 15-20, 22, 24-33 and 51-64 were considered readable on the elected species. Claim 25 was identified by the Examiner as generic.

The applicant has not withdrawn the non-elected species claims as generic claims are believed allowable.

Phone Interview

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous phone interview during which time the Ismert patent was discussed regarding the "cap" limitation of Claim 1 and the "integral" limitation of Claim 51. The Applicant construed the "cap" structure as extending over the outer sides of the support and construed "integral" to require a single piece construction that included welding, but even with those clarifications of the claim terms no agreement was reached on claim allowability.

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